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***By email only – with request for  
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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GestDem 2022/4046**

Dear Mr Gaberell,

I refer to your email of 13 July 2022, in which you make a request for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001<sup>1</sup> ('Regulation 1049/2001'), registered on 14 July 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested:

- *any documents (including emails, briefings, reports, as well as attachments) received from (or sent to) representatives of Member States since October 2020 that concern or make mention of the commitment in the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability that the EU will “lead by example, and, in line with international commitments, ensure that hazardous chemicals banned in the European Union are not produced for export, including by amending relevant legislation if and as needed.”*
- *a list of meetings held (and minutes of those meetings when available) with representatives of Member States since October 2020 at which there was any discussion of the commitment in the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability that the EU will “lead by example, and, in line with international commitments, ensure that hazardous chemicals banned in the European Union are not produced for export, including by amending relevant legislation if and as needed.”*
- *any documents (including emails, briefings, reports, as well as attachments) received from (or sent to) other Departments and executive agencies from the European*

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (Official Journal OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

*Commission (including but not limited to DG AGRI, DG COMP, DG ECFIN, DG GROW, DG RTD, DG TRADE) since October 2020 that concern or make mention of the commitment in the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability that the EU will “lead by example, and, in line with international commitments, ensure that hazardous chemicals banned in the European Union are not produced for export, including by amending relevant legislation if and as needed.”*

*- a list of meetings held (and minutes of those meetings when available) other Departments and executive agencies from the European Commission (including but not limited to DG AGRI, DG COMP, DG ECFIN, DG GROW, DG RTD, DG TRADE) since October 2020 that concern or make mention of the commitment in the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability that the EU will “lead by example, and, in line with international commitments, ensure that hazardous chemicals banned in the European Union are not produced for export, including by amending relevant legislation if and as needed.” ‘*

We would like to hereby inform you that DG Trade does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of DG Trade.

Given that no such documents corresponding to the description indicated in your application are held by DG Trade, DG Trade is not in a position to fulfil your request.

Please note that within the European Commission the Directorate-General for Trade is not in the lead for the subject matter(s) in connection to the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability referred to in your request, for which mainly the Directorate-General for Environment is the lead service.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission  
Secretariat-General  
‘Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents’ (unit SG C.1)  
BERL 7/076  
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or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely



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